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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.2)*]

53/154. Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/134 of 12 December 1997, and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/81 of 24 April 1998 on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights,[1]

Reaffirming its commitment to promote international cooperation, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 1, paragraph 3, as well as relevant provisions of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,[2] in order to enhance genuine cooperation among Member States in the field of human rights,

Recognizing that the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights is essential for the full achievement of the purposes of the United Nations, including the effective promotion and protection of all human rights,

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[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 3* (E/1998/23), chap. II, sect. A.

[2] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

Reaffirming the importance of ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues, and underlining the importance of the promotion of dialogue on human rights issues,

Taking note of the adoption of resolution 1998/28 of 26 August 1998, entitled "Promotion of dialogue on human rights issues", by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session,[3]

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Commission to continue the consideration of this question at its fifty-fifth session;

2. *Calls upon* Member States, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies to continue to carry out constructive dialogue and consultations for the enhancement of understanding and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to this endeavour;

3. *Invites* States and all relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to pay continued attention to the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring the promotion and protection of all human rights;

4. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question at its fifty-fourth session.

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[3] See E/CN.4/1999/4-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1998/45, chap. II, sect A.